

October 4, 2007

Dear Parents/Guardians:

Your child is presently taking the Bio/Chem course at Cornell High School. One of the major requirements of the course is to participate in the precollege coastal ecology program offered by the Marine Science Consortium at Wallops Island, Virginia. The Marine Science Consortium is a non-profit, educational association consisting of 15 colleges and universities in Pennsylvania, Washington D.C., and West Virginia. The programs were developed for secondary students to have an opportunity to study first hand the coastal marine environment and to learn about its ecological and economic importance. Emphasis is placed on "hands-on" and "in-the-field" training and experience. Most of the class time is spent in the natural environment such as the ocean, marshes, bays, and barrier island beaches. A research ocean cruise is scheduled along with a specimen lab.

The trip this year has been scheduled for May 7-10, 2008. The total cost of the trip is \$300. Payment is due in six installments. They are:

\$50	October 17, 2007
\$50	November 16, 2007
\$50	December 14, 2007
\$50	January 18, 2008
\$50	February 15, 2008
\$50	March 14, 2008

Fund raising activities for this trip will begin soon. Details for these activities will be discussed with the students shortly. Each student is responsible for all the products taken, sold and/or ordered. The money obtained for the products taken, sold, and/or ordered or the products themselves must be returned by the due dates.

If your child does not raise enough money through these activities, then he/she is responsible for contributing the balance of the money due on each of the above-designated dates.

All money returned to me should be placed in a sealed envelope with the student's name, the amount enclosed, and the name of the activity written on the outside of the envelope.

The money will be sent to the Marine Science Consortium to hold our reservations at Wallops Island and is not refundable.

*Please note: Any student who receives two or more discipline referrals for behavior problems during Bio/Chem class or a failing grade for any term in Bio/Chem will not be eligible to participate. An alternate assignment will be given. Any money paid towards the trip is not refundable.*

Checks should be payable to Cornell Bio/Chem Class.

Mr. Tavis Bogue, Bio/Chem teacher, Mr. Doug Haskins, Bio/Chem teacher, Mr. Jim Thomas, and Mrs. Ruth Hill will be chaperoning the students on this educational trip.

If you have any questions, please contact me at 412-264-5010 or [tbogue@cornell.k12.pa.us](mailto:tbogue@cornell.k12.pa.us).

Sincerely,

Tavis Bogue  
Bio/Chem Teacher